is the doctrine,of the Hylozpists;•. this, I say, is an hypothesis so prodigiously paradoxical, and so outrageously wild, as that very few men ever <pould have Atheistic faith enough, to swallow it down and digest it. Wherefore, this Hylozoic-Atheism hath been, very obscure ever since its first emer sion, and hath found so few fautors and abettors, that it hath looked like a forlorn and deserted thing. Neither indeed are there any public monu ments at all extant, in which it is avowedly main^ tained, stated, and reduced into any system. Inso much that we should riot have taken any notice of it at this time, as a particular form of Atheism, nor have conjured it rip out of its grave, had we not understood, that Strato's ghost had begun to walk #f late; and that among some well-wishers to Atheism, despairing in a manner of the Atomic form, this Hylozoic hypothesis began already to be looked upon, as the rising slm of Atheism, ------" Et tauquam spes altera Trojae," it seem ing to smile upon them, and flatter them at a dis tance, with some fairer hopes of supporting that ruinous and desperate cause.

Whereas, on the contrary, that other Atomic Atheism,-'as' it insists upon a true notion of body, that it is nothing

but resisting bulk; by which means we, joining issue thereupon, shall be fairly conducted on to a clear decision of this present controversy, as likewise to the disentangling of many other points of philosophy; so it is that, which hath filled the world with the noise of it, for two thousand years past; that, concerning which several volumes have been formerly written, in which it hath been stated and brought into a kind of system; and which bath of late obtained